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1. Between 31 August and 5 September 1953, the Flugplatz Kaserne in Quedlinburg was occupied by an estimated 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source assumed that more troops were stationed in the training area.

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New watchtowers and firing ranges have been built in the area surrounding the barracks installation. AA guns were seen in three different emplacements.

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2. Between 31 August and 5 September, the Harz Jugendheim was occupied as previously by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black, blue-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets. A radio truck was observed in the garden as previously.

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New target ranges were being built at the Altenburg firing range.

3. Previous restrictions on mixing with the local population had apparently been lifted for officers two weeks ago. Soviet officers were frequently observed in German restaurants, performances etc.

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Comment. The information tends to indicate that the Flugplatz Kaserne was occupied as previously by elements of the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. AAA emplacements in the barracks area are observed for the first time. The Harz Jugendheim is occupied as previously by signal units, probably including details of the 138th Gds Sig Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

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According to an available map, the Jugendheim probably is located at the intersection of Mummentalstrasse and Heiligegeiststrasse in the center of the town. The Altenburg firing range may be located southwest of Quedlinburg.

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